THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM):

| (a) | DD-I | DD-II | DD-III |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) Sponsored | 457 | 489 | — |
| Commissioned | 1303 | — | 1027 |
| (b) Sponsored | 44 | 143 | — |
| Commissioned | 350 | — | 164 |
| (c) Sponsored | 30 | 91 | — |
| Commissioned | 101 | — | 50 |

**State Government's request for T.V. Channel**

289. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Government has requested for permission to open its own television channel uplinking facilities for that purpose;

(b) whether any guidelines have been laid down for processing requests of this nature; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider reserving any of Doordarshan Channels for exclusive use by State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No Sir, as the Constitution of India places broadcasting in the Union List.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

**Warning Notice to non-traded firms by Bombay Stock Exchange**

290. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bombay Stock Exchange proposes to issue 'Warning' notices to 1300 non-traded firms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such steps of B.S.E. is based on some authority;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to issue instructions to Stock Exchanges of the country to take steps to safeguard and strengthen the rights of small investors; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) and (f) SEBI has been established under the SEBI Act for, inter-alia, effectively regulating the Stock Exchanges and Stock brokers, and for safeguarding the interests of the investors. SEBI is also keeping a constant watch on the trading in securities in Stock Exchanges for ensuring the safety and transparency of the market, and protecting the interests of the investors.

**News-item regarding Bank Scam**

291. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has drawn to the news-item in the Hindustan Times dated the 25th May, 1996, captioned "$ 165 m bank scam unearthed";

(b) if so, whether several nationalised banks in the country in collusion with scamsters facilitated the flight of foreign exchange to fake bank accounts abroad;